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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO  
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (Small Entity)**

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Docket No.  
IDS-11605/14

In Re Application Of: Venegas, Jr.

Serial No.  
09/815,628

Filing Date  
March 23, 2001

Examiner  
R. Plandro

Group Art Unit  
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Invention: HAND RAIL SYSTEM

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated **January 28, 2004** finally rejecting Claim(s) **5-8, 15, 17, and 25**

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

A verified statement of small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.
- ☐ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is: **\$165.00**

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
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